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Gentlemen

The Candidates for degrees in medicine  
who now appear before you have  
spent the usual time required by the  
laws of our University in attending the  
different medical lectures, and have  
undergone the usual <sup>private</sup> examination  
upon all its branches. As the  
last test and evidence of their abi-  
lities and knowledge, they have pre-  
pared disquisitions upon medical  
subjects, which they now come  
forward to defend against such  
objections as shall be made to  
them by their professors. It has  
been said by the celebrated Dr

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Adam Smith that "Universities are  
the dull repositories of exploded opinions"

- You may true this may be in  
some European countries, the Opin-  
-ions entertained in the dispe-  
-tations now before us, clearly prove  
that the censure does not apply  
to the University of Pennsylvania.

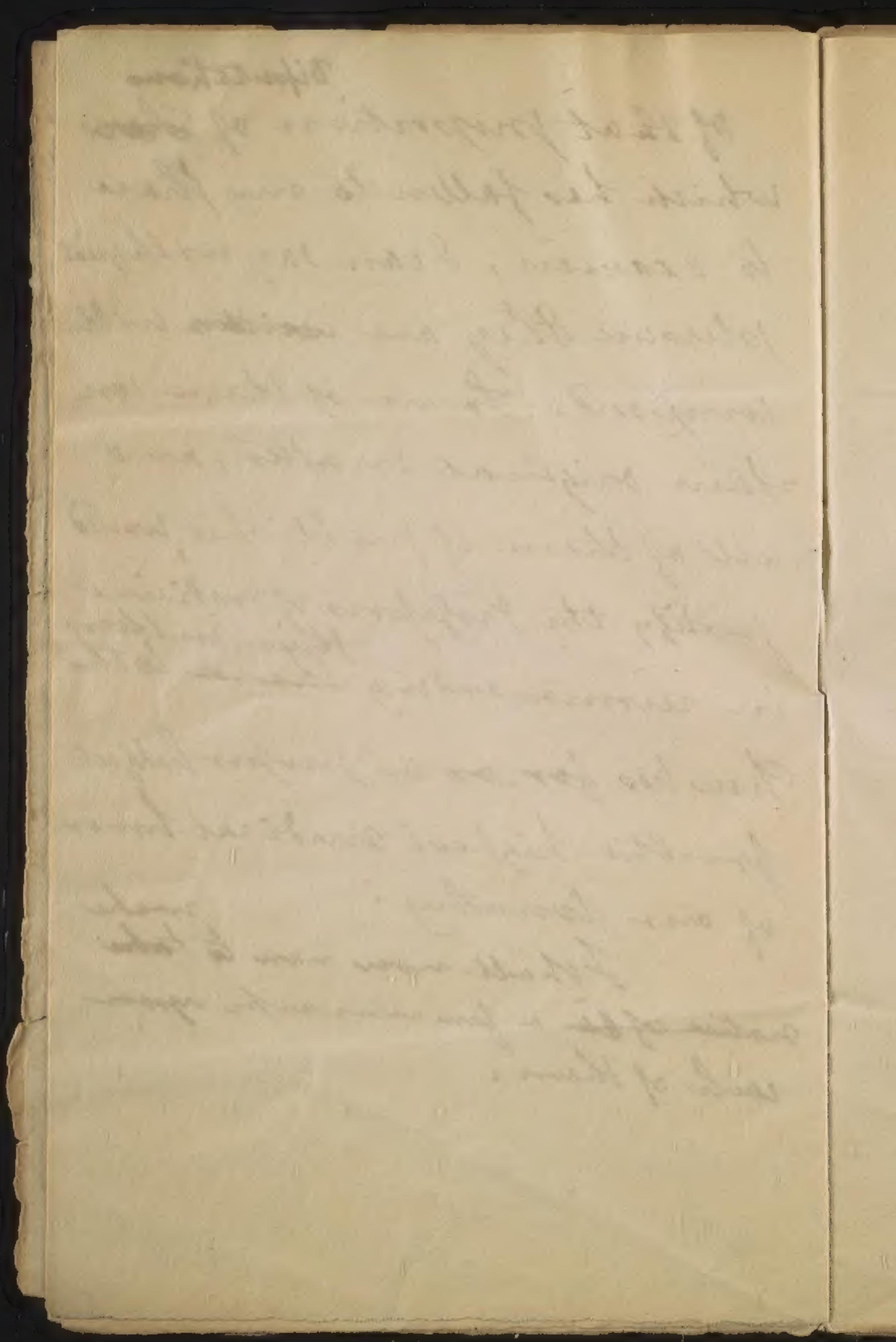
- No restraint is ~~but~~ here laid upon  
the boldness and originality of Opin-  
-ions, and the Candidates are permitted  
to believe and defend their opinion  
in their disquisitions  
as accord with their own judgments  
however contrary they may be to  
the opinions taught by their  
professors provided they exhibit  
nothing <sup>int the way</sup> contrary to decency &  
good manners.

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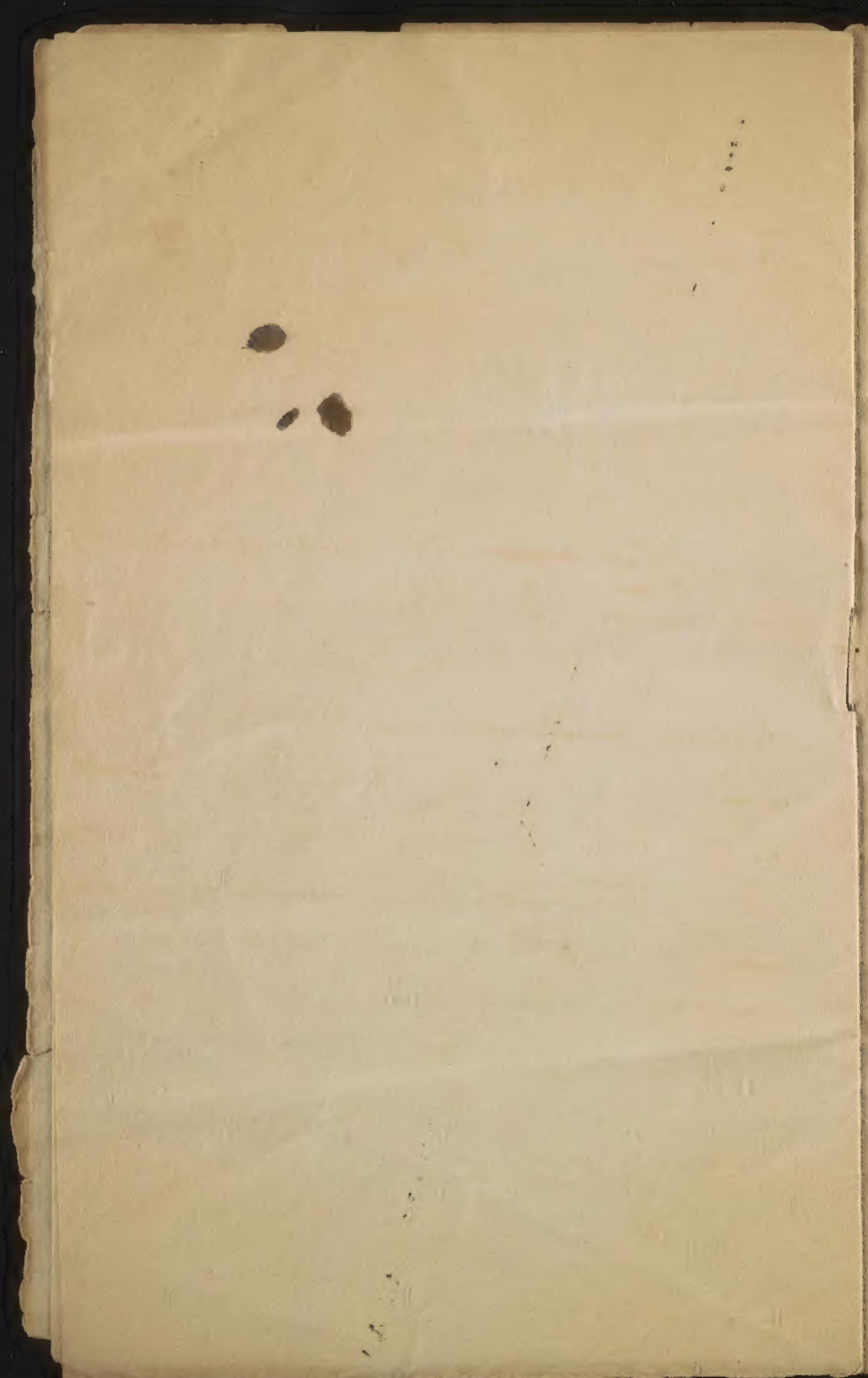
Disputations

of that proportion of ~~theses~~  
which has fallen to my share  
to examine, I can say without  
pleasure they are written well  
composed. - Some of them con-  
tain original draughts, and  
all of them if published, would  
justify the Prophesies of Medicine  
in recommending <sup>this addition</sup> these to the  
publick for as proper subjects  
for the highest medical honor  
of our Country. make

I shall now now to take  
notice of the a few remarks upon  
each of them.







of strength, but of such an impulse  
upon the moving fibres as to prostrate  
them below the point of reaction. The  
opinion leads further to choose  
such remedies for removing this  
debility, as open stimulants, before  
we attempt to ~~exist~~ stimulate  
-lating medicines.

~~After ~~an~~ ~~one~~ ~~and~~ ~~a~~ ~~short~~ ~~and~~ ~~acute~~ ~~painful~~~~  
~~of both~~ ~~of~~ ~~each~~ ~~of~~ ~~these~~, I am happy  
in being able to say, that I have  
~~derived ~~no~~ ~~objection~~~~  
~~no~~ ~~instruction~~ ~~from~~ ~~them~~.  
reading them. They discover <sup>much</sup> ~~and~~ ~~before~~  
~~great~~ ~~information~~ ~~upon~~ ~~the~~ ~~good~~ ~~and~~  
the ~~strength~~ ~~of~~ ~~reasoning~~ ~~powers~~.  
~~not~~ ~~I~~ ~~shall~~ however ask each  
of them a question or two, chiefly  
to give them an opportunity of  
shewing their further acquaintance  
with their respective subjects.

